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1. WE WERE STRUCK BY SENTENCE PARA 4 REFTEL RE SUDAN GOV
EFFORT ASSURE EPF DOES NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SUDANESE
POLITICS. DURING RECENT FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE IN PEOPLE'S
ASSEMBLY ONE MEMBER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SUDANESE
INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY
WHICH HE SAID RESULTING FROM SUDAN GOV SUPPORT FOR
ERITREANS. HE ALSO WARNED THAT BY ARMING ERITREANS WHO
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PRESENT IN SUDAN, GOVERNMENT RAN RISK OF CREATING
SITUATION ANALOGOUS TO ARMED PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON.

2. COMMENT: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY, AS EXPECTED, OVERWHELM-
INGLY ENDORSED CURRENT SUDAN GOV FOREIGN POLICIES INCLUDING
SUPPORT FOR ERITREANS. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, NO ONE
SUPPORTED LONE MEMBER'S CAUTINARY ADVICE. HOWEVER,

HIS VIEWS ARE SHARED BY OTHERS, NOTABLY WITHIN FOREIGN
MINISTRY. ALTHOUGH FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID, NOT TO MENTION
NIMEIRI HIMSELF, DISTINGUISHES ERITREAN CASE AS INTERNA-
TIONAL ISSUE WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN UN, THERE ARE
SOME SUDANESE WHO ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH WIDER IMPLICATIONS
SUPPORT FOR ERITREANS, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICAN CONTEXT.
SUDANESE RECALL FOREIGN SUPPORT FOR SOUTHERN INSURGENTS
HERE AND SOME OBSERVERS FAIL TO SEE ANY MEANINGFUL
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUDAN'S SUPPORT FOR ERITREA AND
ANGOLA'S SUPPORT FOR SHABA INSURGENTS IN ZAIRE, WHICH
SUDAN GOV OPPOSES. MOREOVER, SABBE REMARKS (REFTEL) AND
THOSE OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MEMBER SUGGEST THERE SOME
NERVOUSNESS OR CONCERN OVER PRESENCE ARMED
ERITREANS IN SUDAN. IT HAD BEEN OUR IMPRESSION SUDAN GOV
KEPT CLOSE CONTROL OF ARMS, MAKING THEM AVAILABLE TO
ERITREANS ONLY AT BORDER AND NOT RPT NOT WITHIN SUDAN
ITSELF.
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